

# HRASA AGM 2011 REPORT BACK



HRASA held their AGM on Saturday 19 November in Pretoria, hosted by *Friends of the Rail* at Hermanstad Station. The new Board of Directors is as follows:

*Nerina Skuy: Chairman, Portfolio Tourism & Marketing and Transnet Liaison*

*Ian Pretorius: Vice-Chairman, Portfolio Corporate Liaison*

*Len Smuts: Treasurer and Portfolio Finance & Corporate Governance*

*Ashley Peter: Secretary and Portfolio Membership*

Only two awards were presented for the HRASA annual awards programme. The HRASA Photographic Tour Award was not presented. The awards presented were:

**Lifetime Achiever's Award** – bestowed on **Geoff Cooke** “for his contribution and commitment to showcasing the heritage rail legacy of Southern Africa to international visitors through his Photographic and Enthusiast tours”.

**Chairman's Award** – special recognition for contributing to the Vision and Mission Statement of the Heritage Railway Association of Southern Africa over the past year – was presented to **Ian Pretorius** “whose unwavering commitment and steadfast belief, against all odds, in steam rail for the Western Cape has resulted in the successful running of Atlantic Rail as a benchmark operation”.

The inclusion of a “HRASA Volunteer of the Year” award was proposed and approved unanimously, with the criteria to be circulated to the clubs and operators.



Leadership change... Chris Janisch passes the symbolic baton to Nerina Skuy.



Pictured at the HRASA AGM 2011 are Stephen Appleton, Len Smuts, Nerina Skuy, Ian Pretorius, Kevin Wilson-Smith, Ashley Peter and Chris Janisch.



Ian Pretorius accepts the “HRASA Chairman's Award” from Chris Janisch.

## FAREWELL TO 'COMRADES IN ARMS'

It was with deep regret that we bade farewell to heritage rail family members over the past year. Our sincere condolences to their families, friends and colleagues for their loss, but our heartfelt gratitude for having had the privilege of working alongside them, counting them amongst our friends and comrades in arms in the fight for the survival of this precious legacy.

**The Heritage Rail Roll of Honour to 19 November 2011 to read as follows:**

JC 'Boon' Boonzaier – 14 June 2011

Jennifer (Jenny) Pretorius – 6 July 2011

Braam le Roux – July 2011

Malcolm Bates – 17 August 2011

Geoff Johnson – August 2011

Stephaan Jordaan – November 2011